

reduction. RFI uses a three pronged approach that helps local jurisdictions invest in programs resulting in the best outcomes for clients and society at large. With policy and technical assistance from Results First, the County will learn to:

1. Create an inventory of currently funded programs.
2. Match the programs to the body of evidence
3. Use evidence to inform spending and policy decisions.

CSAC Result First staff has been working with seven California county jurisdictions: Kern, Fresno, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, Santa Clara, Ventura, and Nevada. Results First staff work with partner agencies and the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) in each of the counties to build the program inventory, cataloging all in-custody and community based programs offered to offenders. Staff from the Probation Department and County Administrators Office will coordinate the cross-agency initiative, collect cost and program information, and act as liaise with the CSAC Results First team. The approach generally takes between six to twelve months to complete, with monthly stakeholder meetings throughout the duration of the initiative.

The work of the CSAC Results First staff, partnered with criminal justice staff and stakeholders has led to positive results in seven California counties. In each of the counties the program inventory process has resulted in comprehensive, system wide information that has rarely been available to policymakers, such as the level of evidence behind the programs, fidelity and capacity. While agencies may have this information individually, using it to make data driven decisions is new. The implementation of this approach, coupled with the ability of agency leaders to communicate effectively with county leaders has resulted in change efforts throughout the justice system.

The Results First Initiative will provide needed information to help county departments and leaders determine how to best serve offenders both in custody and in the community. Solano County criminal justice system is at a pivotal point and to enter into this kind of inventory and data driven decision making process will help support the criminal justice system now and into the future.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative would be to not partner with CSAC to implement the Pew-MacArthur Results First Initiative; however, the County would not have the opportunity to utilize the RFI and this evidence based policymaking approach.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

On April 26, 2017, CSAC Results First staff made a presentation to the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) regarding this model which advances the use of innovative, evidence-based policymaking to drive government investments toward proven policies and programs. The April 26th CCP meeting was well attended and the CCP unanimously endorsed the effort and recommended that Board of Supervisors formalize a partnership with CSAC to implement the Pew-MacArthur Results First Initiative.

CAO RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION